



WE DID IT! LIBRARY FUNDS RESTORED!

City Council has committed to fully support library service. By voting to restore the entire \$140,000 that was proposed to be cut from the library's FY 2005 budget, library hours and services will remain at current levels.

The Friends Board thanks our members and all other library supporters for your individual and group efforts. There were, literally, hundreds of letters, e-mails and phone calls sent to the seven Council members. Dozens of children drew pictures to express what the library means to them. City Council saw and heard that Lynchburgers value our quality of life – that the library is a place where the city puts its best foot forward, a place of daily access, a place of reliable resources and a place of opportunity.

The Friends thank City Council for listening to its citizens. Just as their predecessors did in 1964, when they voted to establish Lynchburg's first tax-supported public library, this current Council has voted for our quality of life, they have voted for a better future for our children.

The Friends thank, too, the library staff. The excellent services they provide day in and day out do make a difference in our community.

*With heartfelt appreciation,
Ellen Nygaard, President*

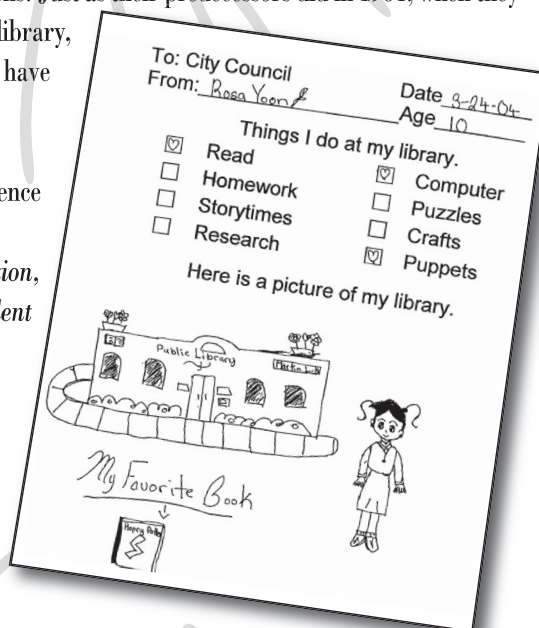
THANKS FROM THE DIRECTOR

The entire library staff joins me in thanking the Friends Board, under the leadership of Ellen Nygaard, for their immediate and whole-hearted support. Had City Council authorized a Budget reduction in Fiscal Year 2005, we were prepared to cut five full-time-equivalents (seven positions) and reduce hours and services. Thankfully, we did not have to take those drastic steps.

Thanks to the huge public outcry in support of public library service, the \$140,000 was restored to the library's budget. In FY 2005, 2,500 children will be able to attend a youth program; 1,500+ adults will be able to take a class in the Gates Computer Lab; the main library will continue to be open 55 hours a week; the Downtown Branch Library will continue to be open 40 hours a week.

As a staff, we have been heartened, energized and humbled by the outpouring of affection and support for public library service. We promise to do our best to continue to provide the highest levels of service to the community.

*Lynn Dodge
Director*



MAIN LIBRARY

2315 Memorial Ave.
Lynchburg, VA 24501

Circulation, Renewals,
Returns, Library Cards
455-6300

Reference and
Information
455-6310

Youth Services
455-6320

Administration and
Technical Services
455-6330

Volunteer Program
455-6330

LIBRARY HOURS

Main

Mon., Wed., Fri., Sat.
9:30 AM-5:30 PM

Tues., Thurs.
9:30 AM-9:00 PM

Downtown Branch

Mon.-Fri.
9:30 AM-5:30 PM

DOWNTOWN BRANCH

AND LAW LIBRARY

900 Church Street
Lynchburg, VA 24504
455-3820

CLOSED

Monday, July 5
Fourth of July Holiday

www.lynchburgva.gov/publiclibrary

PLEASE “BEAR” WITH US IN THE CHILDREN’S DEPARTMENT WHILE WE MAKE IMPROVEMENTS TO SERVE YOU BETTER!

The Youth Services department is experiencing a “work in progress” renovation aimed at creating a new look for our community’s children and teens. We want to thank those of you who support the library’s ongoing used book sale for making the new wall makeovers possible.

In the near future, watch for bright colors to enhance the excitement that already exists in the Youth Services. Clouds will float on the soffits over bright yellow windows in the children’s area, while teens will have popular colors swirl through their space.

In addition, the library was very fortunate to have the opportunity to purchase quality used shelving from Bookends in Forest. Bookends closed its doors in April and offered the shelving to local libraries at substantial savings. After initial inquiries were made, a request to purchase the shelving was submitted for approval. After approval, it didn’t take long for librarians to get on the scene and select pieces that would appeal to our young patrons. With the willingness of two librarian husbands, the shelving was delivered and set into place.

The response from the teens in the Young Adult room has been very rewarding. Although their room is not quite finished, our community teens can sense that they are going to have

a very special place in the library to call their own; a cozy but up-to-date space just for them.

Meanwhile, parents have been very pleasant and patient as they bring their children into the library for storytimes, research or browsing. There is a sense that something wonderful is going to happen. In addition, the two men who are busy plastering the walls have provided the children with a lot of entertainment as they work on high orange ladders and walk around on two-foot stilts.

Come see what is happening in Youth Services. It’s fun to watch the changes occur.

Coming This Summer:

Book an Adventure!

Lorry Risinger, Youth Services
434-455-6320



Exterior Changes *@ your library™*

Have you ever stood on a kick stool to reach a book on a high shelf? Did you ever think about the kick stool you stood on to make that reach? Well, they just got a lot safer. The library owns 40+ kick stools. Some date back 38 years, to the library’s 1966 opening; others were bought 20 years ago, when the library moved into its present building. They had all gotten pretty beat up and some were actually no longer safe to stand on to reach the tops of the 90” high adult area shelving. Thanks to Jim Whalen, Head of Adult Services, they have been refurbished. Twenty new ones were purchased. Jim took all the others home to his workshop and mixed and matched parts to get 30 more good, safe ones. He cleaned them up and spray-painted them all to match. Staff and patrons will all benefit from Jim’s efforts.

BOOK AN ADVENTURE

The Lynchburg Public Library Summer Reading Program 2004

Supported by the Friends of the Lynchburg Public Library
Recommended for ages 3 and up. Parents are encouraged to attend these family events.



— KICKOFF WEEK —

Wednesday, June 30 at 2:00 PM

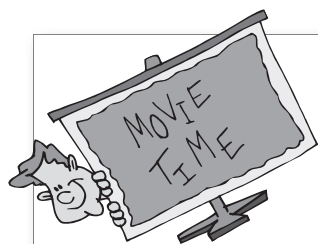
Tyrone and Tilford

*Enjoy the adventures of a
ventriloquist and his friends*

WEDNESDAY WONDERS

Drop in between 2:00 and 4:00 PM

- July 7 Fabulous Fiesta
- July 14 Heidi Ruggs presents
African Tricksters
- July 21 Reader's Roundup Rodeo
- July 28 Jungle Jamboree
- August 4 Sun-sational Crafts



MONDAY MOVIE MATINEES

- 10 AM G rated movies
- 1 PM PG rated movies

See brochure for titles

Friday, July 2 at 2:00 PM

MAGIC 4U!



*Be amazed with magic performed right
before your eyes by Brad Matchett.*

THURSDAY

THRILLS

2:00 PM

Recommended for ages 9 and up.

Parents are invited, too!

- July 1 Charlie and the Chocolate
Factory
- July 15 Elementary, My Dear Watson!
- July 29 Bookmaking Workshop

THURSDAY

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

2:00 PM

Recommended for ages 9 and up.

*Parents are invited, too! Please read
the book before the discussion.*

- July 8 *A Week in the Woods* by
Andrew Clements
- July 22 *My Brother Made Me Do It* by
Peg Kehret
- August 5 Bring your own book!
Bring us the best book you
read this summer and tell us
why we should read it, too.

For more
detailed
information,
pick up a
“Book An
Adventure
Summer
Reading
Program”
brochure
at either
library,
or call
Youth
Services
at
455-6320.

And last but not least, READ!

**Read at least 15 books or 300 minutes to attend the
Create Your Own Ice Cream Sundae Party on Saturday, August 7.**

Tax Season @ your library™

Where did you get your tax forms this year? If you are like many people in the area, you will answer, "the library." A number of Lynchburg area residents think of the library as a place to pick up tax forms and get help with filing their taxes.

Deborah Beasley efficiently kept track of the federal and state tax forms and booklets. This tax season we distributed 24,144 federal forms and 4,886 instruction booklets. The state did not provide us with enough forms and booklets – the 3900 forms and 600 booklets they sent were all gone long before April 15. The reference staff was kept busy printing state forms for patrons from the Virginia Department of Taxation website.

From February 1 through April 15 of this year the AARP spent 1623 hours at the main library and 1025 at the downtown branch. AARP representatives helped taxpayers compute their taxes and then helped some of them file the taxes electronically. Nine hundred twenty-four clients were assisted at the main library and 573 at the branch. About 28% of the clients were senior citizens, age 60 and over – 138 at the main library and 114 at the branch.

Lynchburg Reads 2004 a Success



Thanks to all of you who participated in this year's Lynchburg Reads by reading *The Ballad of Frankie Silver* by Sharyn McCrumb and by participating in one or more of the activities. We were happy to have *Monroe*

Station, a local bluegrass band, perform, and we experienced a range of emotions while listening to Appalachian storyteller Gwynn Ramsey. Book discussions took place at several locations within the community. But Sharyn McCrumb's appearance was the big draw. Over 350 people attended her performance as she, accompanied by guitarist Jack Hinshelwood, spoke and read from her books. Prior to her evening performance, Ms. McCrumb spent part of the afternoon speaking to Patty Worsham and Betsy Garrard's students at E.C. Glass High School where she was very well received.

This year we had something new with Lynchburg Reads. Student-athletes from E.C. Glass High School participated in **Lynchburg Teen Reads** by reading to elementary school students. The student-athletes were each given a lesson in reading aloud, plus their own copy of *The True Story of the Three Little Pigs* by John Scieszka. **Lynchburg Teen Reads** was suggested by Amy Coutee who is a reporter for the *News and Advance* as well as cross country and track coach at E.C. Glass. Lorry Risinger, head of Youth Services, and Amy worked together to make Lynchburg Teen Reads a success.

We hope you will join us for Lynchburg Reads 2005 next spring when our book will be *Wish You Well* by David Baldacci. Mr. Baldacci will appear at Randolph-Macon Woman's College on Wednesday, April 6, 2005.

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